

# Oakville

Lakeside Residents Association

Architect's concept of Shelly's development



**OLRA's Mission:** *To protect and preserve the character of the area from a historical, cultural and land use perspective*

## Navy/Robinson Water St. Development "Shelly's"

This proposed development was highlighted in our Spring 2009 Newsletter.

After a very lively meeting last spring, the developer was asked to review their application in light of Public feedback and re-submit to the Town. Your OLRA continued to monitor the situation and kept in constant touch with Town planning staff. We were surprised late in the Fall when we were advised that the application was re-submitted with some changes to it. After review, the changes were cosmetic at best and we requested to meet with Town planning to provide input before any recommendations were made.

Town staff avoided meeting or discussing any further input from the OLRA and other

concerned residents of the area including the Granary. In December, Town planning made a recommendation to Council that the application should be approved as re-submitted.

Summarizing what the Town planning staff failed to take into consideration were:

- The increased provincial & municipal authority to protect & preserve heritage resources
- Conservation of significant features of an architectural, historical & archaeological interests
- Provincial Policy PPS 2005 under the Planning Act

The OLRA were able to influence adequate Council support through discussions with Keith Bird to have Council defer any decision at the December meeting until January to allow time for Town staff, the OLRA and developer to meet and

discuss any compromises.

After a fruitless meeting in late December where the representatives of the developer stonewalled us, we were back to Council in January.

Again, with the support of Councillor Keith Bird and Mayor Rob Burton, a recommendation was drafted and put forward by Councilor Bird that the Town Planning Recommendation be

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NOT APPROVED. This motion carried and the planning recommendation was rejected.

Since then, and as this issue was already before the OMB, the Town will be proceeding to retain independent resources to defend their position in rejecting the Planning recommendation. Your OLRA is and will continue to be a party to the proceedings and work with council as required to support their position.

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## “This is not a time for complacency”

Over the winter, there have been a number of rallies, letter writing, meetings with Trans-Canada, the Premier and members of Parliament seeking a stop to the proposed power plant on the Ford lands on Royal Windsor Dr.

The Town successfully defended, before the OMB, an interim Control By-Law permitting the use of the proposed site for the 950 MW power plant. The Town will be recommending a further 1 year extension of the by-law to allow adequate time to prepare allowable standards for “fine particulates”.

You may recall that recently a 600 MW power plant in Connecticut experienced an explosion that shook homes 50 km away and killed a number of people. This plant was built in a rural area, not 400 meters away from homes, schools and major transportation and utility infrastructures. Recent articles in the Beaver reported that MPP

Halton Hills Generating Station - A 683MW plant currently under construction



Kevin Flynn is seeking access to information regarding the selection process of the winning bid to build the power plant and has been denied access. Mr. Flynn is pursuing this with the commission of access to privacy. One could presume that the OPA might be hiding some inconsistencies in the selection process given their ongoing stonewalling of access to information.

Your OLRA would like to solicit all households in our catchment area to continue to write letters against this power plant and supporting our Town, Regional and Provincial Representatives in stopping the Power Plant. It is our position that NO POWER PLANT be built within the “Clarkson Area Shed” so moving it to Mississauga would be equally unacceptable to us.

Citizens For Clean Air (C4CA) continues to take the lead on this and the OLRA continues to provide support as do the other ratepayer

## Annual General Meeting Tuesday, May 4, 7:00pm at the Oakville Club

Keynote Speaker is Ms. Dana Anderson, Director of Planning for the Town of Oakville. Ms. Anderson will offer an update on the ongoing Downtown Oakville Strategic Review. The purpose of the review is to produce a prioritized set of actions to maintain and improve those qualities that make the Downtown a great place.

Ms. Anderson will take questions from the floor.

Also scheduled to appear:

Mayor Rob Burton

Councillor Keith Bird

Councillor Mary Chapin

If you are concerned about the the Downtown strategic plan, the Hospital lands, heritage preservation, development issues, the powerplant, and more, this is your opportunity to learn more and ask questions.

360 Lakeshore looking East. The large tree on the right has been damaged and will be removed



associations in our area.

## Development Updates

### 360 Lakeshore Rd East

The OLRA continues to monitor progress with development of this site. There was nearly 2 years of negotiations between the Developer, Colbourne Developments, the Town and the OLRA to insure a development that was consistent with the OLRA's Mission Statement "To protect and preserve the historical and cultural character of this area and to ensure responsible land use".

We also fought to preserve two 150 year old Black Walnut trees. Unfortunately, one tree was damaged during demolition and the other was damaged during construction and had to be removed. We have not been able to confirm with the Town what actions or penalties would be assessed to the developer but as we have a "Tree By-Law", your OLRA is pushing for enforcement. In addition the developer has also removed

another tree from the property and severely damaged the roots on a fourth tree.

We are continuing to pursue this with Town staff since this same developer is planning to develop the property at 350 Lakeshore Road East with a proposed Building that is completely NOT IN KEEPING with our Mission.



### 350 Lakeshore Rd East

It appears that Colbourne Developments is proceeding with an application to develop the property at 350 Lakeshore Rd East (SW corner of Allan & Lakeshore). The proposal is for a 4 Storey Black Brick and Glass building, in excess of 40ft in height spanning from property line to property line.

Your OLRA has sent our concerns to the Town. However, as the current By-Laws allow for this development, it appears that little can be done to have plans amended to better suit the character of the downtown.

In discussions with the Town's solicitor, we have learned that this application is before the OMB but the Town and developer continue to negotiate a compromise. The compromise will only address our concerns related to safety and privacy as there are few other grounds to fight this proposal.

Coincidentally, had the Town not delayed its activities related to finalization of the "Downtown Portion of the Official Plan", the OLRA might have had an opportunity to influence a more favorable outcome. If you are as concerned as we are please write Mayor Burton and/or councillors Bird or Chapin to express your concerns.

## Spring Clean-up

Saturday April 24th, 9am

Bring your rake, rubber boots, gloves and family. Join your neighbours for the OLRA's contribution to the Annual Earth Day Clean-up. Help us make our parks beautiful for the warm sunny days ahead. For the clean-up at Lakeside, Dingle Park and Market Square, meet at Thomas House  
For the clean-up at The Esplanade, meet at the Lake.  
For more information, call:  
Peter Neubauer, 905-844-2611

## 74 & 76 Trafalgar

This proposed development is at the SW corner of Trafalgar & Robinson St. The developer, Aldridge Developments is proposing a 3 storey building with underground parking. As we reported in the Fall Issue of the OLRA newsletter, the developer is seeking some minor variances to height and setback. To date, the OLRA has not had further meetings but we understand that the developer has met with the Town to discuss the variances.

At this time, there has been no application submitted to the Town and your OLRA will continue to monitor developments.

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## Oakville Hospital Update

Recently the Province committed funding to study the requirements for the new proposed hospital. In the recent Provincial Budget, those dollars remain committed. You may have also read about the \$200M that the Town has been requested to fund. At this time, the Town remains in negotiations with the Hospital as to what the final financial requirement will be and its disbursement.

As part of the negotiations, the Town is requiring transfer of ownership of the existing Oakville Trafalgar Hospital property to the Town. This will allow the Town to manage development of the property that

Downtown - looking East on Lakeshore Rd.



would be in the best interests of the Town and the residents.

Town Council received delegations at the April 6 Council Meeting and will be taking a final decision April 19.

The new hospital would increase the number of beds from the current 320 to 457. On day 1, 320 beds would be available and this would then ramp to the

457 as additional resources were made available.

## Downtown Oakville Strategic Review

The long awaited "Downtown Strategic Review" has commenced. On Feb 9, a Steering Committee was convened to review what this review would entail. This study will allow for input into how the

### Make A Difference in Your Community Join the OLRA Board of Directors

As we prepare for the upcoming Annual General Meeting May 4 at 7 pm at the Oakville Club, we would like to encourage members to consider joining the Board of Directors. In order for your organization to be strongly supported, it is paramount that we have a strong Board. The time commitment is 1 meeting per month from Sept to Apr + May and these are typically 1 evening for 2-3 hours. This is an excellent opportunity to become involved with issues you feel passionate about and also allows you to meet your neighbors. If joining the Board might not be possible, we would be interested in individuals who could work and support the Board with issues that you feel interested or passionate about. We are also looking for volunteers to distribute this newsletter and other OLRA communications.

Please give this your consideration.



Downtown should evolve, what controls should be developed, designation (Heritage?) building height, permitted use, etc. This study will be completed in/by May to allow for a recommendation to Council.

There will be a small steering committee of which your OLRA is represented. A medium sized committee of expanded stakeholders to analyze and discuss various inputs and proposals and a large group being Open Public Meetings.

This is your opportunity to have your voice heard, so if you have thoughts, comments or input, please forward them to the President of the OLRA, Joe Sarnecki through e-mail at: [ipsarnecki@gmail.com](mailto:ipsarnecki@gmail.com)

## 2010 Secret Gardens of Oakville

The OLRA's popular "Secret Gardens of Oakville" tour and garden party is back for a 3rd consecutive year,. Please reserve June 12th on calendar for this "must attend" event.

This year's tour features 10 beautiful gardens, including 3

lakefront properties. The tour will be followed by a Garden Party from 4 to 7pm at 37 First Street.

Tickets are available to all OLRA members at a cost of \$20 per family. Non-members who live in the neighbourhood can purchase tickets as guests of an OLRA member for \$20 per ticket.

Tickets are in very limited supply and can be obtained at the OLRA AGM or by contacting Cindy Cottrelle (844-3645), Peter Neubauer (844-2611) or Jane Hawkrigg (845-2999).

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## School Update

After last years' Halton District School Board decision work is now underway to build the new school in Clearview and to upgrade the remaining schools: Maple Grove, EJ James and New Central. While work on Maple Grove has been delayed until early 2011, the other projects are on schedule.

New Central's capacity will be increased to 247 from the existing 161 to accommodate a JK-6 structure. The addition provides for 2 JK/SK rooms and 2 additional classrooms and new bathroom facilities. It appears no

other renovations are planned to the existing building.

As a result of the PARC process Maple Grove had been approved for 550 student capacity from its current 302 places. The proposed JK-8 school will consist of an addition of 2 JK/SK rooms, 6 classrooms and 2 specialty rooms and a renovated Gymnasium as well as several class room renovations.

The community is still awaiting the release of the report on EJ James renovations to equip the school for a Grade 1-8 French Immersion centre in SouthEast Oakvillever we know it does not include an expansion as do the other schools.

Alas, Brantwood Public School is closing its doors after 90 long years of serving our community. with a long and outstanding reputation for excellence in education. Brantwood will be holding an open house to celebrate its contribution to the community through the decades on Saturday May 15th from 10am-2pm. Come and enjoy light refreshments as well as school memorabilia and photos on display from Brantwood's past and present.

## Supporting TCRA

In the fall of 2009 the OLRA supported the Trafagar Chartwell Ratepayer Association in filing their objection to Melrose Developments proposals to develop sites around Allan St and Church St. This is consistent with our commitment to support other ratepayer groups in creating a stronger voice in protecting and preserving Oakville's character.

# Your OLRA Board for 2010

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## Become a Member Today Join the OLRA

Your Association is working on your behalf!

Approximately 50% of residents within our borders are members. A strong and active OLRA ensures that your voice is heard in all matters that may impact our area. The boundaries of the Association are south of Lakeshore Road between Chartwell and 16 Mile Creek.

New to the neighbourhood? We welcome new members .

If you agree that an active Residents' Association is important in maintaining the value of your neighbourhood, join us today. Membership fee is only \$20/year. Simply fill out the membership form below and mail it to our membership secretary.

You can also log on to [www.oakvillelra.ca](http://www.oakvillelra.ca) and click on the "membership" link for more information or contact: David Andrews (905-842-4253) or John Vieira (905-339-3155)

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Please accept our membership for: 1 year at \$20 or 2 years at \$40

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(\* contact information will not be published and will only be used to keep you informed about OLRA related events.)

## Oakville Historical Society Concert Lakeside Park Sunday June 13th

This concert features two groups, a Dixieland Band and The Oakville Wind Orchestra. The concert is sponsored by the Historical Society for the community and is free to all. Bring lawn chairs and pack a picnic lunch or refreshments. The concert begins at 12:00 noon and runs until 4:00 PM. For additional information, please go to [www.oakvillehistory.org](http://www.oakvillehistory.org)

## Downtown Organic Farmers' Market

The market will run Saturdays from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm from June 19 - Oct 30. It is held at Centennial Square, corner Navy & Lakeshore in front of the library. For more information, please go to [www.osfp.ca](http://www.osfp.ca).